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10/07/2026

NURSERY

This week in Nursery the children have been weighing out the porridge oats from our story. The children talked about which one has more or less, and which scoop held the most. The children used their learning in other areas of the classroom and talked about full, empty, more and less.





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RECEPTION

Reception have loved exploring *The Singing Mermaid* by Julia Donaldson! The children thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story and talking about the adventures of the brave mermaid. To bring the story to life, they got creative and made their own sparkling mermaid crowns. Everyone was excited to wear their crowns and take part in role-play activities, using their imaginations to become mermaids and recreate their favourite parts of the story.



YEAR 1

During our last Music topic, the children have been reflecting over the music they have listened to and sang over the year. For the last few lessons, the children have been putting their hand to 'composing'. The children have been using the glockenspiels this week and for our final week they will use percussion instruments. The children followed simple note patterns to make music and copied the notes they had to play using the letters and colours to help them. Well done Year 1 on your amazing music making this year!





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YEAR 2

Last week, Year 2 went on an exciting trip to Souter Lighthouse. We explored the lighthouse and learned all about its history, visiting the engine room and seeing where the lighthouse keeper used to live and work. We then climbed all the way to the top of the lighthouse and enjoyed the amazing views. After our tour, we became artists and carefully sketched the lighthouse, creating our own wonderful drawings inspired by our visit.



YEAR 3

This week, in Maths, Year 3 have been looking at lots of different elements of shape as part of their topic. They have looked at parallel and perpendicular lines, identifying and describing 2-D shapes and drawing polygons. The children have enjoyed learning about these different elements of shape this week and have risen to the challenge amazingly well.





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YEAR 4

This week, Year 4 concluded their fascinating history topic on the Ancient Egyptians by learning about Egypt's final pharaoh, Cleopatra. The children explored how historians' opinions of Cleopatra have changed over time before discovering more about her remarkable life. They were amazed to learn that she became pharaoh at just 18 years old and, through her intelligence and leadership, successfully resisted the Romans for 20 years during her reign. To finish the topic, the children created detailed fact files, showcasing all the knowledge they have gained about Cleopatra and her extraordinary life.

"She co-reigned with her little brother but he wanted the throne for himself!" - Willow E

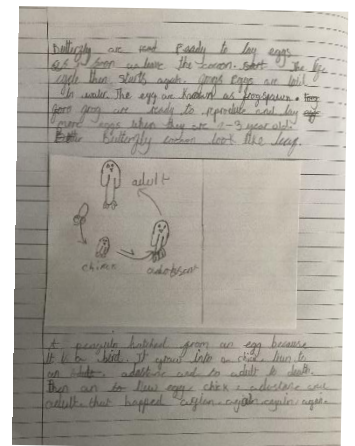
"She fell in love with a Roman called Julius Caesar but he died in battle." - Julian

YEAR 5

In their science lesson this week, children in Year 5 explored the life cycles of a wide range of creatures – mammals, amphibians, birds, reptiles and fish – before comparing and contrasting these. They considered the gestation period duration, nesting, live young or eggs, and even care after birth. The children wrote comprehensive paragraphs on this subject, comparing the life cycles of frogs, butterflies and ducks.

"Ducks lay eggs on the land but frogs lay frogspawn in water" - Cally

"Butterflies and frogs both go through metamorphosis" - Ollie





YEAR 6

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This week, Year 6 have continued their PSHE lessons where they have been looking at the year ahead. They looked at a 'bungee run' theory, which described worries and negative thoughts that might be holding them back when they start secondary school. As a class, we discussed ways in which we could tackle these worries and overcome them; they thought of some brilliant strategies to use next use. In addition to this, they also reflected on some of their best memories of Sacriston and all the things they are looking forward to as well.





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Class Attendance



Nursery	Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
89.5%	93.4%	95.2%	95.4%	96.7%	93.8%	94%	93.6%

Weekly Awards

Our Headteacher Playtime Awards were presented today to **Y2** and **Y6**

The following children have all impressed their class teacher:

Nursery: Myla Smith-McHugh

Reception: Harry Dixon

Year 1: Cayde Armstrong

Year 2: Casey Stark

Year 3: Finn Robson

Year 4: Willow Brown

Year 5: Lincoln Bloomfield-Bell

Year 6: Levi Omar



Perfect Presentation

Reception: Lillyanne Tasker Smith

Year 1: Ellie Watson

Year 2: Oakley Price

Year 3: Joseph Patterson

Year 4: Scarlett Nixon

Year 5: Lukas Zand

Year 6: Evie Hubbard-Walker





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School Dinners

The menu for week beginning Monday 13th July **is Week 3**. School dinners are £15.40 per week, paid online by Monday please. Our school menu can now be found on our website. If you would like to look at the options with your child, please use the following link.

<http://www.sacristonacademy.co.uk/school-information/lunch-menu>

Dates for your Diary

Date	Event
Monday 13th July	Y6 Silent Disco
Tuesday 14th July (year 1 – year 6)	Street Dance Day
Friday 17th July	Break Up for Summer
Wednesday 2nd September	Back to school